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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to initiating the Examination of the above-described continuation application, Applicants herewith submit the following Preliminary Amendment and Remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 2, cancel claim 3, and add the following claim(s):

2. (Amended)

A method of controlling a transmitter station including:

[programming a computer to select and control the communication of mass

medium programming materials based on a schedule;]

inputting to [said] a computer a schedule that [specifies] designates a unit of

mass medium programming and includes one or more of the group[:] consisting of:

6 (a) a time to transmit said unit of mass medium programming

to a remote station; and

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